

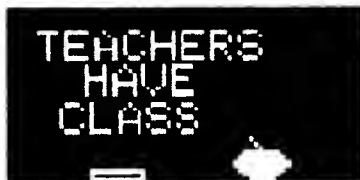
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## TEACHERS' COLUMN



By Kirk Gamble and Darrell Robertson

Already it is my turn to contribute to the WAC Journal and give everyone an update on computer education at Pratum.

The decision was made to purchase an Apple IIGS with the \$1500 the school board budgeted last spring. The purchase was made this fall. It was delivered last week, and Carey Long from Focus Electronics came to our school to set it up. He was sporting enough to talk with my class and give them an introduction to the components of the IIGS. He was also quite willing to answer other computer questions we could come up with. I appreciated his offer to us to call the store on any computer problems we might have.

Although our computer purchase comes without an ImagerWriter II printer, Fred Meyer Corporation has conveniently sponsored a free Apple computer give away program for this school year.

We are collecting Fred Meyer cash register receipts in order to get the ImageWriter II printer. We are presently at \$5,000 on our way to \$65,000. Schools that can collect \$265,000 can get a new Apple IIGS. I would like to encourage everyone to support the schools by not only

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## LIBRARIAN'S CORNER



By John Moore

Publish It!3 Update

by John Kohn

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TimeWorks announced and demonstrated Publish It!3, the latest version of its Desktop Publishing program for Apple IIe, IIc, IIc+ and IIGS computers (at AppleFest in San Francisco). The update should be available by Spring 1990. Added capabilities include color printouts; improved program operation; support for PostScript gray scale printers; the ability to import Super Hi Res graphics (even on IIe's and IIc's); ability to use any IIGS font; improved speed when printing documents; new custom grids for easier text and graphics positioning; AppleWorks v3.0 compatibility; and support of Epson LQ series printers. A low cost upgrade will be available to all registered owners of older versions of Publish It!

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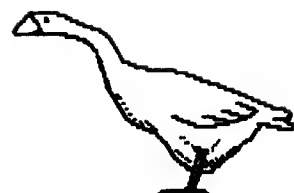
#### **MEETINGS - Regular Membership**

The Regular Membership Meeting is held on the third Thursday of the month, with a start time of 7:00 p.m.. The meeting is held on the Chemeketa Community College campus, in Building 2, Room 113. The general public is invited to attend.

#### **MEETINGS - Board of Directors**

The Board of Directors Meeting is held on the first Thursday of the month, with a start time of 7:30 p.m. The meeting location will be announced at the prior Regular Membership Meeting.

### **EDITOR'S NOTES**



by Bobbi Kirk

**Hello Again.**

Since this is the last newsletter of the year I'd like to wrap things up and also mention some hopes for the new year.

This has been a great year for me as editor of this newsletter and I'd like to thank again all the people who have contributed articles. I look forward each month to reading the teachers' and the librarian's columns and the contributions of Larry Tucker and the article by Neal Layton were also enjoyed. All the writers are busy people with full-time jobs plus other commitments and I appreciate the time they give to our newsletter. I'd also like to thank the members who have given us some feedback on what they like about the newsletter. I'd appreciate more comments, in the way of features you'd like to see or improvements you think could be made and I'd love to have some more contributors!

I've been looking at other clubs' newsletters and two features that seem interesting to me are; a member's column, where a club member writes a short piece on what they use their computer for and a question and answer column. The Eugene club has both and for me it's very interesting finding out what uses other people have for their computers as well as answers for some of the questions I have about certain programs or hardware. Some of the columns have given me new ideas for using my computer and some have spurred me on to using mine more often. I know that most of the questions you have need to be answered right away (most of mine do, anyway!) but sometimes you can't get the answer that quickly and sometimes you don't need the answer right away. Those categories of questions would be ideal for a question and answer column.

Obviously, I need broad member participation for both of these columns so I'd appreciate some feedback (at the meetings or by mail or modem) from anyone who has an interest in

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either of them. If I don't hear from anyone I will assume no one is interested and drop the ideas.

As you may know, last month new officers were elected to the board for 1990. There were five positions and five nominations so all were elected unanimously.

The new president next year will be John Moore, the vice-president will be Mary Page, treasurer will be Kirk Gamble, I will be the secretary and Rollin Ratchen will be our director-at-large. Larry Tucker will be on the board as the former president.

One more short item. A suggestion has been made to publish, for the members only, a complete list of the membership of WAC with everyone's phone number. The list would also include the type of computer and the major interests of each member plus whether they have a modem. This would allow the members to communicate with others who share their interests plus give all us modem owners the opportunity to practice and learn with each other. If we get some signs of interest to this proposition I will send out short questionnaires (possibly in the January newsletter) on the type of computer you have, your major areas of interest and whether you have a modem. This could be published as a supplement to a later newsletter or sent out separately. Please respond anyway you want to (at the meeting, by letter or modem) to this suggestion so we can act on it one way or another. Thanks!!

Well, that's about it for this last column of 1989. Next year the newsletter will be output to a laserwriter and I anticipate a great improvement in it's visual appearance!! I also hope to put it out on a monthly basis but that will depend on member interest and the treasury.

I hope to see you at the next meeting. The participation rate has been high but the more the merrier! Happy Holidays, everyone!!

## TEACHERS' COLUMN

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passing on your cash register receipts, but by getting the word out to others about this program. I haven't heard of a school yet that is not taking advantage of this opportunity to add to their computer program.

I had envisioned sitting down at the school's new computer and writing this article. I failed to anticipate the level of competition to get computer time. Having two computers has created new interest in the older Apple IIe as well as the IIGS. Students are staying after school (until 5:00 last night) because of the new interest created by the IIGS!

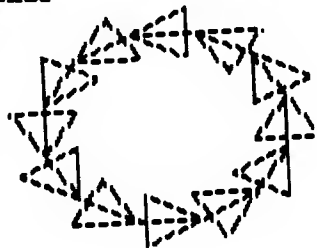
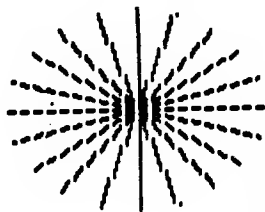
The programs the students are pulling out and using by choice are "Where in the World is Carmen Sandiego", "Where in the USA is Carmen Sandiego," and "Oregon Trail". I am amazed at how "Oregon Trail" has kept students' interest year after year.

The program I am presently using in the 1/2 hour computer class I teach each week is "Logo Plus". This program is geared toward students to learn a program language in order to do graphics and text. The design of the program keeps the students interested and encourages them to use the commands they have learned to create their own designs. I would like to share a few creations that have been turned in so far this year (see bottom of page).

The other emphasis I have in the fall is for students to learn the touch typing method for the keyboard. I use two electric typewriters and the first 12 lessons from a typing course. I like using the typewriters because they cannot correct mistakes. Students master typing from about 15wpm to 40 words per minute. When their typing skill are high enough, I can make assignments on the computer that utilizes the word processor or a publishing program like "Newsroom".

That should bring you up to date at Pratum. Computer Education is quite exciting for us right now.

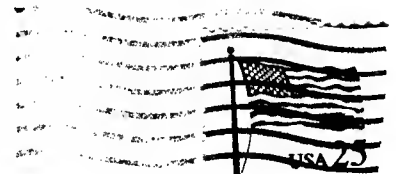
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